

**Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services**  
**Overview of Parental Fee for Children's Long-Term Support Services**  
Including Children's Long-Term Support Home and Community-Based Services Waivers

2003 Act 33 (the 2003-2005 biennial budget) directed the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) to implement a parental fee for children's long-term support services. This will be a State of Wisconsin fee, separate from the fee system outlined in the 1915(c) Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver application, Appendix C, relating to a child's financial eligibility for CLTS Waiver Services.

Federal Medicaid rules permit states to impose fees on Medicaid clients for a service that is Medicaid funded. However, such a fee is permissible only if the state imposes the same fee for the same service provided through other government programs in the state. In this case, Wisconsin can establish a fee for services under the children's waiver, but it must assess the fee for children's long-term care services provided through other Medicaid (MA) Waivers (including the Community Integration Placement (CIP) Waiver), the Community Options Program, the Family Support Program, and other long-term supports. Medicaid Fee-for-Service benefits will not be affected by the fee.

The fee schedule will assess a fee for families at or above 330 percent of poverty, beginning at one percent of service costs and increasing to 41 % of service costs at incomes of about 2000 percent of poverty. County support and service coordination and administrative costs would be excluded for purposes of calculating the fee. The schedule imposes lower cost share requirements than the Uniform Fee Schedule.

The fee will be collected by Wisconsin counties, and the implementation process will begin July 1, 2005. The Children's Services Section will provide a notification letter to be sent to families of the impending fee. Counties should inform their Regional CSS of their plan for reasonable and timely compliance with parental fee collection.

Fee schedule particulars:

- The parental fee will not be retroactive.
- Counties will be provided auto-fill worksheets to automatically calculate parental fee.
- Parental adjusted gross income from previous Calendar Year (CY) taxes will be used as income determinant.
- A parent may request a fee recalculation if experiencing a dramatic change in income,
- Parents may either deduct a disability allowance of either the standard \$3,300 from their adjusted gross income OR may deduct their actual allowable medical deduction reported on previous CY taxes.
- Once the parental fee has been calculated, parents will have 30 days before the fee will apply.
- The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services Medicaid Eligibility Handbook (MEH) will be used as policy in resolving family complexities (i.e., children in shared custody, parents who are not married, etc.).

# 2005 Children's Long Term Support Parental Fee Grid for Families with 3 Members

Income Range		Percent of Plan Costs Owed
\$ 53,096 or less		No Parental Fee
\$ 53,097.00 to	\$ 54,999.00	1%
\$ 55,000.00 to	\$ 59,999.00	1.8%
\$ 60,000.00 to	\$ 64,999.00	2.6%
\$ 65,000.00 to	\$ 69,999.00	3.4%
\$ 70,000.00 to	\$ 74,999.00	4.2%
\$ 75,000.00 to	\$ 79,999.00	5.0%
\$ 80,000.00 to	\$ 84,999.00	5.8%
\$ 85,000.00 to	\$ 89,999.00	6.6%
\$ 90,000.00 to	\$ 94,999.00	7.4%
\$ 95,000.00 to	\$ 99,999.00	8.2%
\$ 100,000.00 to	\$ 104,999.00	9.0%
\$ 105,000.00 to	\$ 109,999.00	9.8%
\$ 110,000.00 to	\$ 114,999.00	10.6%
\$ 115,000.00 to	\$ 119,999.00	11.4%
\$ 120,000.00 to	\$ 124,999.00	12.2%
\$ 125,000.00 to	\$ 129,999.00	13.0%
\$ 130,000.00 to	\$ 134,999.00	13.8%
\$ 135,000.00 to	\$ 139,999.00	14.6%
\$ 140,000.00 to	\$ 144,999.00	15.4%
\$ 145,000.00 to	\$ 149,999.00	16.2%
\$ 150,000.00 to	\$ 154,999.00	17.0%
\$ 155,000.00 to	\$ 159,999.00	17.8%
\$ 160,000.00 to	\$ 164,999.00	18.6%
\$ 165,000.00 to	\$ 169,999.00	19.4%
\$ 170,000.00 to	\$ 174,999.00	20.2%
\$ 175,000.00 to	\$ 179,999.00	21.0%
\$ 180,000.00 to	\$ 184,999.00	21.8%
\$ 185,000.00 to	\$ 189,999.00	22.6%
\$ 190,000.00 to	\$ 194,999.00	23.4%
\$ 195,000.00 to	\$ 199,999.00	24.2%
\$ 200,000.00 to	\$ 204,999.00	25.0%
\$ 205,000.00 to	\$ 209,999.00	25.8%
\$ 210,000.00 to	\$ 214,999.00	26.6%
\$ 215,000.00 to	\$ 219,999.00	27.4%
\$ 220,000.00 to	\$ 224,999.00	28.2%
\$ 225,000.00 to	\$ 229,999.00	29.0%
\$ 230,000.00 to	\$ 234,999.00	29.8%
\$ 235,000.00 to	\$ 239,999.00	30.6%
\$ 240,000.00 to	\$ 244,999.00	31.4%
\$ 245,000.00 to	\$ 249,999.00	32.2%
\$ 250,000.00 to	\$ 254,999.00	33.0%
\$ 255,000.00 to	\$ 259,999.00	33.8%
\$ 260,000.00 to	\$ 264,999.00	34.6%
\$ 265,000.00 to	\$ 269,999.00	35.4%
\$ 270,000.00 to	\$ 274,999.00	36.2%
\$ 275,000.00 to	\$ 279,999.00	37.0%
\$ 280,000.00 to	\$ 284,999.00	37.8%
\$ 285,000.00 to	\$ 289,999.00	38.6%
\$ 290,000.00 to	\$ 294,999.00	39.4%
\$ 295,000.00 to	\$ 299,999.00	40.2%
\$ 300,000.00 to	and above	41.0%

For families with 3 members, the grid to the left shows the income range that determines the parental fee for 2005. If a family's adjusted gross income (minus disability allowance) is between the first two columns, their fee would be the indicated percentage of their child's care plan costs in the third column (minus service coordination and administrative costs).

Grids for families of different sizes differ only in the federal poverty level baseline for having additional family members. Grids for families of different sizes will soon be posted.

## Example:

A family with 3 members made \$152,000 in 2004. This family had less than \$3,300 on their 2004 taxes for their family's allowable medical expenses (Schedule D). The family's Support and Service Coordinator, working with the family, thus deducted the standard \$3,300 allowance from the family's income. The family's income for purposes of this consideration therefore would be \$148,700. The family's Support and Service Coordinator would then show the family on the appropriate family size grid where their income placed them in terms of what percentage of the child's care plan costs must be paid. The child's annual service plan costs minus service coordination and administration come to \$25,000. Thus, this family's fee would be 16.2% of \$25,000, or \$4,050. Monthly payments of their annual fee would be \$337.50.